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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7958

BILL NUMBER: SB 523

DATE PREPARED: Jan 14, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Various election matters.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a uniformed police officer may serve as an absentee ballot courier.

This bill increases the population threshold at which a board of registration is established in a county from 125,000 to 200,000. It provides that a board of registration existing under the lower threshold continues unless the county election board votes, by a unanimous vote of its members, to abolish the board of registration.

This bill provides that a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate and a petition of nomination must be filed not later than noon on the date that is the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy for a primary election. This bill also provides that filling an early candidate vacancy may not be delegated to a committee other than a caucus of precinct committeemen and vice committeemen.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under current statute, counties with a population of 125,000 or larger are required to have a board of registration. There are 9 counties (Allen, Elkhart, Lake, Madison, Marion, Porter, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh) with a population of 125,000 or larger. This bill increases the population threshold at which a board of registration is established in a county from 125,000 to 200,000. The provisions of this bill would only require 4 counties (Allen, Lake, Marion, and St. Joseph) to have a board of registration. It provides that a board of registration existing under the lower threshold continues unless the county election board votes, by a unanimous vote of its members, to abolish the board of registration.

The board of registration is paid from the county general fund. The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent on local action.

The remaining provisions of this bill have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Allen, Elkhart, Lake, Madison, Marion, Porter, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh.

Information Sources: